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# The Elba Clipper

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Elba street superintendent proposes change at council meeting  
Elba's garbage pickup moves to daytime hours

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Nov. 30, new street supervisor Andy Wood proposed changing the city's garbage pickup schedule to a daytime route, and the council agreed to move forward with his proposal immediately.

Wood gave several reasons he felt it would be more beneficial for the city to run the garbage pickup routes in the daytime rather than in the early morning hours. His proposal was to start the pickup each day at 7 a.m.

Wood said the biggest reason is the truck operator can see better in the daytime hours. Other reasons he gave for making the change included: the mechanic is already at work at 7 a.m.; if the garbage truck did break-

Mayor enters  
quarantine after  
COVID-19 exposure

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox entered into quarantine Monday, Nov. 30, after discovering last that afternoon, around 4 p.m., that he had been in direct contact with someone who had tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

Mayor Maddox joined the Elba City Council and Elba Water and Electric meetings, held at Elba City Hall, that evening via teleconference.

down and the crew had to change over to the dumpster truck – a rear loading vehicle – the extra personnel needed for this is already at work; missed pickups on the route can be handled the

same day after calls are made to city hall reporting the missed pickup; and residents would have more time to get their cans out by the road.

Also, Wood said the city receives a lot of complaints about the noise of the garbage truck and it waking residents up early in the mornings. He said changing to a daytime route would lower the risk of waking people up.

"The [county] landfill closes at 5 p.m.," Wood said. "I feel like we can handle the pickup each day by that time at least, if not earlier."

Assistant City Clerk Pat Boothe said Wood had discussed his proposal with her, Mayor Tom Maddox, and City Clerk Sally Bane, and they all agreed this seemed like a good idea. With the council's blessing, she said the change would be made immediately, starting with the Tuesday, Dec. 1, route.

Boothe clarified that no routes would change as far as the pickup day, only the time of day the garbage is picked up.

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Vehicle pursuit originated in Covington County before ending Monday afternoon in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A high-speed pursuit that began Monday afternoon, Nov. 30, in Covington County caused quite a commotion in Elba a short time later when the pursuit ended on Highway 84 near Week's Tire.

Elba Police Lt. Russ Young said the pursuit began on U.S. Highway 331 in the Onycha area of Covington County as an Alabama State Trooper began pursuit of a vehicle, a Jeep Compass SUV, that fled from him in an attempt to make a traffic stop. Soon after the pursuit began, a tire on the Trooper's vehicle blew out forcing him to end his pursuit.

Lt. Young said Opp Police picked up the pursuit of the suspect vehicle when the Trooper was unable to continue. Opp pursued onto the U.S. Highway 84 Bypass and continued into the Elba Police jurisdiction



The cooler than normal temperatures Monday, Nov. 30, in Elba ushered in decorating for Christmas by City of Elba employees! By the afternoon it was not only "beginning to look like Christmas" but it was feeling that way too as temperatures were only in the high 40s. Elba's official Christmas Tree, located on the square in downtown Elba, will light up for the first time this holiday season during a tree lighting ceremony set to be held immediately after the annual Christmas Parade planned for Monday, Dec. 7th. The parade begins at 6 p.m. with the tree lighting to follow. Also, there will be a concert of holiday music on the square for all to enjoy after the tree lighting Monday night – this will be presented by the Elba High School Band.

## Police Chief provides activity update to Elba City Council

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday evening, Nov. 30, Police Chief Leslie Hussey said his department had one officer to resign over the past couple of weeks, but another had been hired to replace that officer.

However, he added that another officer had turned in a resignation earlier Monday; therefore, the department would be short one officer again. Also, he said one dispatcher had recently resigned.

Hussey said activity for the department had been relatively normal over the past two weeks, but he said normal to the department included answering almost 170 calls for service. He said these calls are where an officer responds in person and some sort of action is taken.

On top of those calls, he said the department also handled calls for information and had several investigative follow-ups.

In addition, Hussey said dispatchers took in 211 calls for the sheriff's department over the past two weeks, as well as, handled calls for Kinston and New Brockton.

Hussey said the department had a good Thanksgiving holiday with nothing major happening over that holiday time period.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

With exception of board member Barry Giles. Also,

Mayor Tom Maddox attended the meeting via teleconference after going into quarantine that afternoon from learning he had been in close contact with someone that had tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday

night, Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey said there were four males in the Jeep Compass, and two of those jumped out of the vehicle and ran while two others remained by the vehicle. He said a short foot-pursuit of the two that ran ended with them being apprehended by officers.

The chief noted that the

suspects insisted they were "heading to a funeral in Elba" when they reportedly attempted to elude the Trooper originally in Covington County. He said two 18-year-olds involved were wearing ankle monitors.

Chief Hussey said the good news was that no injuries resulted from this incident.

The chief noted that the

night, Elba Police Chief

Lt. Young an Opp Police vehicle attempted to block the suspect at which time the suspect's vehicle crossed over the median in the area of Week's Tire and came to a stop.

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday

as chairperson

With no clear chairperson

at the start of Monday

night's meeting, any board

member was able to call the

meeting to order, and board

member Jane Brunson did

that.

Mayor Maddox then

asked to address the board.

"When I was making the

appointments for the [city

council] organizational

meeting at the beginning of

November, I erroneously

made an appointment for

Jane Brunson to be chair-

man of the board and for her

to be on the PowerSouth

board," Maddox said. "Sub-

sequently, we learned that

was inappropriate and that

the water and electric board

should select its own chair-

person."

The mayor apologized for

that misunderstanding.

"I take full responsibility

for doing it incorrectly,"

Maddox said.

In the first order of busi-

ness, board member Bryan

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## Area Happenings

**THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING** will be Thursday, Dec. 3, at 701 N. Main Street, Enterprise, Ala. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. There is a limit on the number of people that can attend, so call 334-894-5581 X3 to reserve a spot.

**THE ELBA CHRISTMAS PARADE** will be Monday evening, Dec. 7, beginning at 6 p.m. Following the parade, a lighting ceremony will be held for the city's Christmas Tree – located on the old Clements lot on the square in downtown Elba. That will be followed by a Christmas concert from the Elba High School band. It's not too late to enter the Elba Christmas Parade – there is no entry fee – just contact Sandy Bynum at the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 334-897-3125.

The mayor apologized for that misunderstanding.

"I take full responsibility for doing it incorrectly," Maddox said.

The board voted to follow Robert's Rules of Order as its guide for parliamentary

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*Party politics is the most narrow-minded occupation in the world.* — Will Rogers

Many cartoons carry a message, while others poke fun at people. This cartoon we saw last week was definitely poking fun at a bunch of folks: Man and woman looking at SUV with back hatch up and toilet paper tumbling out. Woman's only comment was, "The feds gave you \$1,000 and you spent it all on toilet paper?"

We understand, and support, the U.S. Constitution, separation of church and state, etc., but the recent Supreme Court decision against New York State's virus-imposed rules that include limiting large church (and many other group) gatherings presents us with a problem. There needs to be some way to make exception to any law (or constitution limitations) if it is necessary to protect those of us who refuse to take common sense actions to protect themselves . . . even our beloved churches of any denomination or belief. The 1978 Jonestown, Guyana massacre/suicide of 909 humans is an extreme example of someone needing to have the legal authority, and backbone, to step in and prevent those deaths. It would be interesting to know how, if based on the court's statement, "the state's limits on religious gatherings violated "the minimum requirement of neutrality" to religion under the First Amendment" would have been different if the rule had not excluded, whiskey stores, camp grounds, acupuncture facilities, movie theatres, etc. Then if one reads the opinions of the four dissenting court justices, the decision becomes more confusing.

The likelihood of several different shots being available to prevent COVID-19 is exciting, and hopefully more than one of them will fulfill the desperate needs of the world. It appears that a couple of companies will have out limited doses of their version of prevention within the next few weeks. We expect other companies to complete their trials rapidly early in the new year. None of these announced so far are 100% cure-alls, and experts don't expect the later offerings to hit the 100% mark either. However, by cutting the percentage of potential worldwide victims to a very small percentage virtually eliminates the transmission method of COVID, thus making all of us safe(r) . . . that is if folks will take the shots and not spread trumped up horror stories of non-existing side effects.

Medical experts predict of every 100 people diagnosed with COVID-19 on a given day that will lead to 1.7 deaths within the next three weeks. The 2,762 average daily death rate is more than one a minute, every single day of the week. They add that the daily deaths may reach 3,000 by Christmas time. Those are hard numbers to look at, but it should give us a motive to listen to these experts when they give advice on how to prevent the spread of the killer (like wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands OFTEN, etc.). This means avoiding large gatherings . . . including church. Take precautions today and we will all be here to enjoy our cherished weekly church services for years to come. Don't take precautions and — well then some of us will not be around to share these heart-warming events, hear the music from a dedicated choir nor the important religious message of the day.



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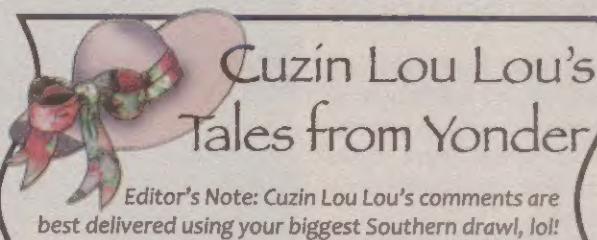
## EDITORIAL

## STORY UPDATE:

Covington County man dies from injuries sustained in Nov. 18th wreck on Hwy. 134 in Coffee County

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency was notified Thursday, Nov. 26, that James Lanier, age 64, of Opp, Alabama had succumbed to injuries he sustained Wednesday, Nov. 18, in a two-vehicle wreck on Alabama Hwy. 134 near the 18-mile marker. Lanier was a patient at Baptist South in Montgomery, Ala. at the time of his death.

In the wreck, ALEA officials said Lanier was driving eastbound in a 2017 Mitsubishi Outlander when he crossed over into the westbound lane and struck a 2003 Ford Taurus head on [The Elba Clipper first reported on this accident in the Nov. 26th edition of the paper].



Cuzin Lou Lou took the fam jam outdoors on Thanksgiving Day to make annual photos. These generally are used on the Yonder family Christmas card.

Between Papa and the family's new furry critter addition, Bean, being quite uncooperative; and Sister 'unhappy' with the angle at which Lou Lou was taking said photos — let's just say it looks like those won't be making the card this year.

It also did not help that everyone dressed for the occasion as if it was cold outside, and well, it was not on Thanksgiving Day in Yonder.

The idea was to have Papa holding Bean while Sister and Lou Lou gather on each side. Of course, this particular shot required use of a tripod with the camera set on timer. If Bean was actually looking in the direction of the camera, 'someone' didn't like her facial expression, or her clothes did not give off the best look.

Each time, Lou Lou would set the timer and run to get

into place before the 10 seconds expired and the photo snapped, and it never failed that Bean would want to jump from Papa to Lou Lou or some 'noise' in the trees would catch Bean's attention. That set off a complaint from Papa about his arm starting to hurt.

Then, because everything was taking longer than normal with Bean added to the family photo, Sister began to perspire. She let Lou Lou know quite reverently that she was HOT!

Eventually, Lou Lou gave in and called the photo shoot done for the day. Never one to give up easily, Lou Lou went ahead and created a Christmas card proof...she thought all was good until she showed Sister. Any thought of it getting approval was shot down almost immediately! So, as of this week's writing, Lou Lou is still trying to get the crew ready once more so said card can be created!

Wish her luck...she is going to need it with those three — Papa, Sister and Bean!

Until next time...Keep Smiling and God Bless!

## OBITUARIES

JOSHUA ROY  
MEHAFFEY

Mr. Joshua Roy Mehaffey, age 37, of Jack, Ala., died Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at Troy Regional Medical Center in Troy, Alabama.



Graveside services will be held from New Hope Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Keith Price officiating. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to help pay burial expenses.

Survivors include his daughter: Khloe Jayde Mehaffey, Jack; mother: Tammy Luther, Jack; father: Roy Mehaffey Jr., Jack; and sister: Brandy Koon, Phenix City, Ala.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, and Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Nov. 24** — Suspicious circumstances reported at 318 Smith Ave (2:41 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 435 Reese Ave (8:07 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 716 Davis St W (12:39 p.m.); Burglary reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (2:29 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 1068 Morrow Ave (2:42 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1105 Neil Grantham Dr (5:05 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1015 Guyton St (11:02 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date with two verbal warnings.

**Wednesday, Nov. 25** — Suspicious person reported at 322 Court Ave (12:15 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Neil Grantham Dr (12:16 a.m.); Fight reported at 315 Sawyer St (3:18 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Forest Hill Dr (6:49 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Claxton Ave S (12:10 p.m.); Missing person reported at 20378 Hwy 189 (1:33 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Neil Grantham Dr (6:38 a.m.).

**Thursday, Nov. 26** — Suspicious vehicle reported on Tiger Dr (2:43 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1015 Guyton St — resulted in an arrest (11:12 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Williams Ave S — resulted in an arrest (1:08 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 911 Farris Ave (3:46 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 76 County Rd 368 (4:34 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1221 Jones Circle (5:08 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with one citation issued and one written warning.

**Saturday, Nov. 28** — Suspicious vehicle reported on Cedar Lane Dr (4:50 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 84 (11:18 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 851 Claxton Ave N (12:51 p.m.); Burglary reported on Hwy 203 (2:01 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 435 Newton St (2:24 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (5:45 p.m.); Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (6:27 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (9:07 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with verbal warnings on each.

**Sunday, Nov. 29** — Prowler reported at 825 Troy Hwy (7:39 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date with no action on one, a citation issued on one, a written warning on one, and an arrest made on one.

**Monday, Nov. 30** — Assist another agency on Hwy 84 (1:17 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 989 County Rd 400 (3:02 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Putnam St (4:38 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1285 Ann St (6:46 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Davis St and Claxton Ave (10:11 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date with one written warning, one verbal warning and one advice given.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Pastor's Corner

by Philip Box, Minister  
Elba Church of Christ  
715 Troy Road, Elba, AL

#### How to Have a White Christmas

Matthew 1:21 and Isaiah 1:18

My wife and children can't wait for the holiday season to begin each year. Traditionally we take a family vacation the week of Thanksgiving and starting the day after it's Christmas music nonstop. My friend, Ken, reminded me recently that we can learn and be reminded of great bible lessons through those Christmas songs.

There are a lot of songs that have become a part of our culture and Christmas celebration. I think of the song, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. Many do not realize that the song originally was intended to teach certain Biblical truths to young people.

There was a period of time in England when Christians were not able to practice their faith openly so they had to find other ways to pass on their beliefs. The song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* is one example of how they did it. The song goes:

— "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me..." The "true love" represents God and "me" represents those who are Christians and have received God's gifts.

— "Partridge in a pear tree" represented Jesus Christ who died on a tree as a gift from God.

— "Two turtle doves" were the Old and New Testaments, another gift from God.

— "Three French hens" represented faith, hope, and love.

— "Four calling birds" spoke of the 4 Gospels that tell the story of salvation.

— "Five golden rings" spoke of the first 5 books of the Bible.

— "Six geese a laying" spoke of the days of creation.

— "Seven swans a swimming" spoke of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

— "Eight maids a milking" spoke of the 8 beatitudes.

— "Nine ladies dancing" spoke of the 9 fruits of the Spirit.

— "Ten lords a leaping" spoke of the 10 Commandments.

— "Eleven pipers piping" spoke of the eleven faithful disciples.

— "Twelve drummers drumming" spoke of the 12 Apostles.

Many songs we sing are just fun! *Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, *Jingle Bells*, and so on, but be looking for lessons! Another popular song is, *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas*, the idea is that it might snow at Christmas time, but this song could remind us of the forgiveness that comes through Jesus Christ. And it doesn't have to be just a dream, forgiveness can be yours through faithful obedience to God's plan.

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." Psalm 51:7 ESV

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Elba Ministerial Alliance  
call 334-897-2057 to learn more or  
to join the Alliance!

Newbia Baptist Church announces Christmas services planned this month

Newbia Baptist Church, located on Coffee County Road 330, northwest of Elba, announces upcoming Christmas services planned for later this month.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, the church will host its Christmas Cantata program at 5

**Let us share your church news!**  
Email Linda Hodge  
at [clipperace@troycable.net](mailto:clipperace@troycable.net)  
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Ben E. Keith's *Kelley Foods* announces partnership with Folds of Honor group

Kelley Foods, a division of Ben E. Keith Foods, announced a branding partnership with Folds of Honor Foundation, whose mission is to provide educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service-members.

Kelley Foods will donate a portion of proceeds from the sale of each case of its most popular retail items.

"Kelley Foods is very proud to have the opportunity to build upon the Ben E. Keith Foods partnership with Folds of Honor," said Randy Tollison, Vice President Manufacturing, Ben E.

Keith Foods.

The Folds of Honor sponsorship with Kelley Foods Southeast retail partners was launched on Veteran's Day in November.

Kelley Foods Plant Manager Kenneth Hattaway anticipates the selected products will be available at least through the end of the year. The featured products will be the Kelley Foods branded Rope Smoked Sausage (1 lb. & 6 lb.), Baby Rope Smoked Sausage (1 lb. & 6 lb.) plus our newest item Jalapeño & Cheddar Rope Smoked Sausage

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**COVENANT COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**

David White, Pastor

Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship ... 9:45 a.m.

Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal

and Children's Activities) ...

... 6:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH**

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Dale Morgan, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE OF GOD IN  
CHRIST**

Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Phillip Adcock, Pastor

Sunday Morning ... 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Philip Box, Minister

Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE**

Allen Edwards, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**

Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Rev. Steve Renau, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH**

Lowell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Shirley Ellis, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**

Kevin Byrd, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPT. CHURCH**

James Starks Jr., Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT. CHURCH**

James Starks Jr., Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Brad Sasser, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

Lorenard Flowers, Minister

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Class ... 7:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES**

Henry Rayborn 11/19

Jasmine White 11/19 (in memory)

Ted Horstead 11/20

## SPORTS NEWS

Views From  
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our grandson Lawson loves hamburgers, chicken fingers, french fries, and macaroni and cheese out of the box. So, I knew he may be a little hungry last week after sitting down to a Thanksgiving dinner that included turkey, cornbread dressing, string bean casserole, corn casserole and homemade mac and cheese. He did at least taste the turkey, but didn't even eat a roll before heading back to the couch to play video games with his cousins. Oh well, more leftovers for the adults.*

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The much delayed basketball season* is scheduled to tip off next week for the Elba Tigers with a trip to Kinston, and while nothing is set in stone in these days of the pandemic, since most of the team was in quarantining the last two weeks, maybe they will at least finally get to start the season. Elba is expected to have a much-improved team after last year's disaster and is anxious to hit the court, while the Lady Tigers are anxious to get back on the court after being embarrassed in their season opener two weeks ago against Enterprise. There is no doubt the season will be unlike any before, but all the players have been hard at work and really want to get back on the court.

\*\*\* *Rumors circulating from coaches* and officials across the state hint that the AHSAA will take another look at just how long the basketball season will continue once this week's state football playoffs have concluded. There was no way the state could shut down one sport and let another continue to play, and many believe the recent outbreak of the virus and massive number of students being quarantined could lead to the sport being shut down, at least for a while. I believe that until all the schools in the state follow strict 'mandated' guidelines from the state, the problems will continue with the virus being spread in warm and crowded gyms. I know no one likes to be told what to do, but someone in authority has to take a deep breath and issue mandates concerning high school sports, if they are going to exist.

\*\*\* *A popular phrase in our nation's capital* over the past four years has been the need to 'drain the swamp,' and after last week's state football playoff game in Linden many Brantley fans will be saying the same thing about the Patriots football field. The game was played on a field that many fans insisted looked more like a hog pen than a football field, and neither team was able to display their skills on the field that was covered with more mud than grass. Anyway, Brantley saw its banner season come to an end with a 22-7 loss to Linden in a game that saw the Bulldogs go up and down the field, but fail to score points, while the Patriots rarely moved the chains, but used three big plays to score three touchdowns and advanced to the 1A finals. Brantley moved to inside the Linden 40-yardline on all five of its first half possessions, but came away with only seven points, and in the second half moved inside the Linden 30-yardline three times, and once even moved inside the ten, but never got back in the endzone. It was a frustrating night for everyone from Brantley, but one game doesn't define a season, and the Bulldogs 13-1 record will last forever in the rich history of Brantley Bulldog football.

\*\*\* *The state high school football playoffs* held their semifinal games last week and it was quite a week of action. Abbeville outscored Leroy 60-45 in a game that saw touchdowns scored on seven straight fourth quarter possessions as the Yellowjackets advanced to the state finals for the first time since way back in 1971, while defending 2A champ Fyffe battled past defending 3A champ Piedmont 14-6 to make it back to the state finals in 3A, and Mars Hill Bible rolled through Spring Garden 32-14 to make it to the 2A finals after reaching the state finals the past two seasons in 1A. Twelve of the fourteen teams playing in this week's state championship games were #1 seeds entering the post-season, with only Pickens County in 1A and Pleasant Grove in 5A making it all the way as #2 seeds. All the teams in the finals boast excellent records, as expected, with Pickens County in 1A and Spanish Fort in 6A having the most losses with three. Undefeated teams include Linden in 1A, Fyffe in 3A, St. Paul's in 5A and Thompson in 7A.

\*\*\* *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* dropped by for the 15th straight weekend to talk football and was still shaking his head over Brantley's semifinal loss to Linden. He declared that if the Bulldogs and Patriots met 10 times the Bulldogs would win at least eight times, but admitted that Linden had a really good defense and earned its way to the finals. The local guesser was a little disappointed in last week's 4-3 record, but did leave this week's choices for the state finals. Here goes.... (7A) Thompson 35 Auburn 10, (6A) Pinson Valley 21 Spanish Fort 14, (5A) St. Paul's 17 Pleasant Grove 14, (4A) Handley 28 Gordo 14, (3A) Fyffe 28 Montgomery Catholic 10, (2A) Mars Hill Bible 42 Abbeville 26, (1A) Linden 32 Pickens County 12.

HIGH SCHOOL  
BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

## Thursday, Dec. 3

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## Monday, Dec. 7

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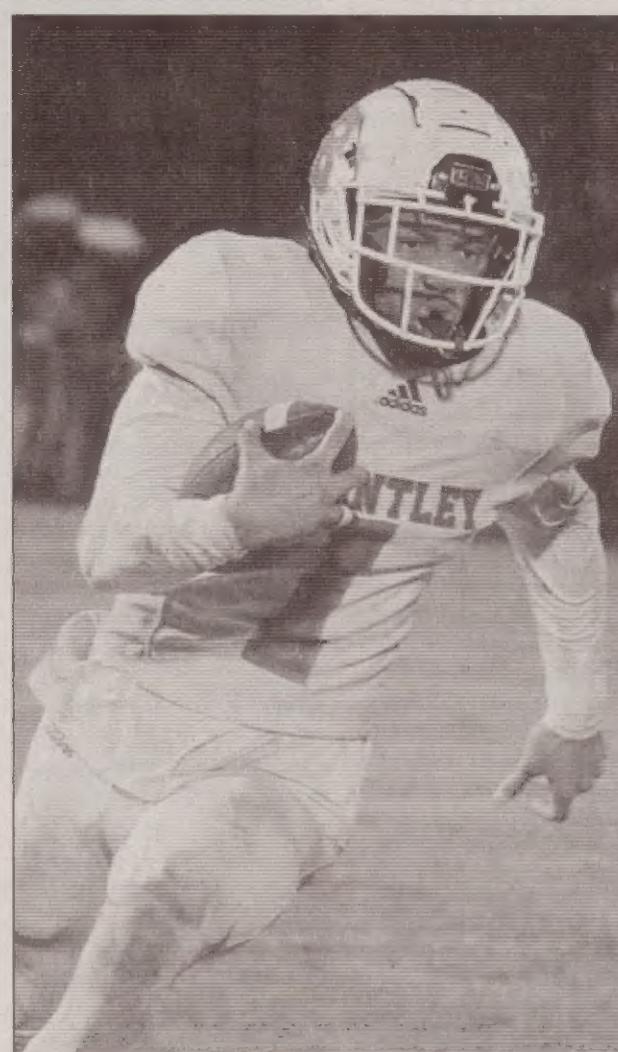
## Tuesday, Dec. 8

Elba at Kinston

Wicksburg at New Brockton

## Thursday, Dec. 10

Elba at Houston Academy



Brantley Bulldog Kenuwyn Dixon (1) heads upfield for a short gain in last week's 22-7 playoff loss to Linden.

Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) drops off a short pass to Daquan Pittman (5) for a key first down in last week's playoff action.

## Ousted from playoffs 22-7

## Bulldogs bog down in Linden

By Ricky Mularz, Sports  
Editor  
Photos by Cody Nichols

The top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs saw their season long trip toward a state title hit a dead end Friday night on a muddy patch of ground in Linden as the second-ranked Linden Patriots used two big plays on defense and one big play on offense to upset the Bulldogs 22-7, in the semifinals of the Class 1A state football playoffs.

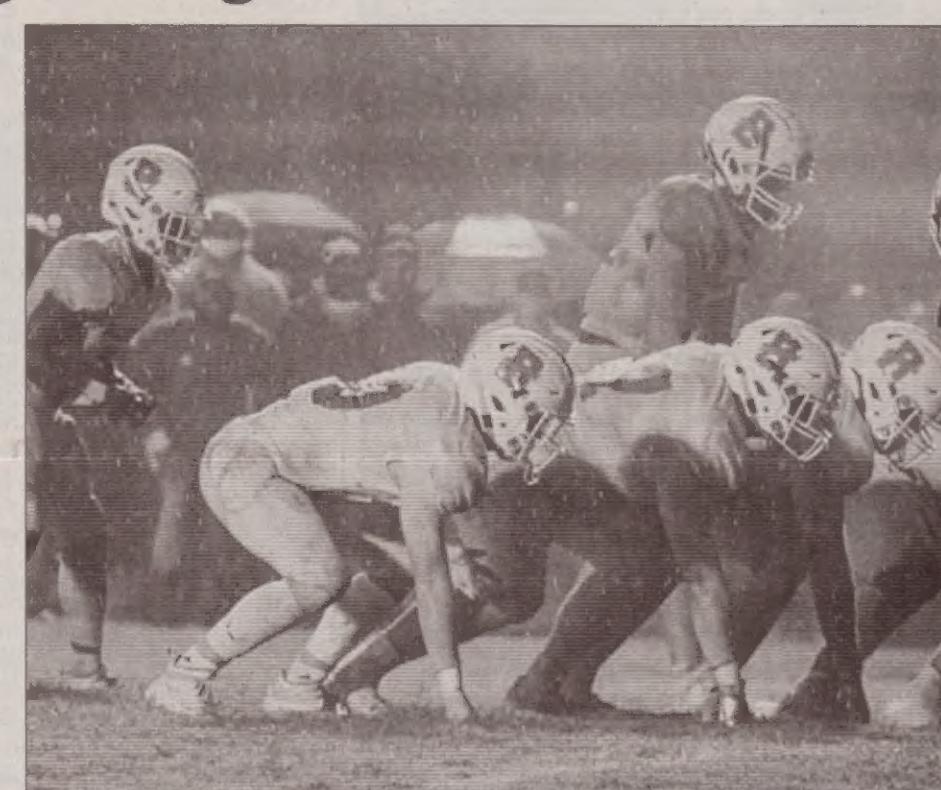
Brantley had two opportunities to grab an early lead in the first quarter after a fumble on a punt attempt and a pass interception by Morrell Edwards twice set the Bulldogs up inside the Linden 40-yardline.

Brantley was forced to punt after the first turnover, but headed toward the endzone after the Edwards' interception and reached a first down at the Linden 14-yardline after an 18-yard pass completion from Tucker Kilcrease to Kenuwyn Dixon. A penalty backed the Bulldogs up to the 24; however, and on the next play disaster struck as the Patriots Joshua Williams stepped in front of a pass near the goal line and returned the interception 97 yards for a touchdown. Williams also ran in the two-point conversion as Linden grabbed an 8-0 lead late in the first quarter.

Brantley began its next possession at its own 36-yardline and behind the running of Tucker Kilcrease and a key third down pass from Kilcrease to Kedrick Brown drove to a first down at the Linden 31-yardline. A quarterback sack and a loss on a running play moved the Bulldogs back to the 42-yardline, and on third down disaster struck again as what appeared to be an incomplete pass was ruled a fumble, and Linden's Jamarcus Williams scooped up the loose football and rambled 56 yards for a Patriot score. A two-point pass missed its target, but with 11:45 remaining in the second quarter Linden owned a 14-0 lead.

Brantley began its ensuing possession at its own 40-yardline and began a 15 play drive that ate up over six minutes off the clock. Tucker Kilcrease and Kenuwyn Dixon sparked the drive that included three third down conversions and set the Bulldogs up with a first down at the Linden 23-yardline. However, this time the Bulldogs failed to convert on third down, and when a fourth down pass fell incomplete the long drive ended without points.

The Bulldogs got the ball right back at the Linden 46-yardline after a short 15-yard punt and after a 22-yard run by Tucker Kilcrease on fourth down Brantley was right back in business with a first down at the Linden 30-yardline on a fourth down pass from Kilcrease to Khalil Smith. However, a 15-yard penalty on third down left the Bulldogs facing a fourth down and 22, and when a fourth down pass missed its target, the Bulldogs last gasp hope for a win had ended, as Linden ran out the clock to post the 22-7 win.



Brantley Bulldogs line up on offense in a steady rain in last week's 22-7 playoff loss to Linden. The Bulldogs ended the season with a 13-1 record.

board. Kedrick Brown rushed for 18 yards on four carries to help lead Brantley down the field, while Tucker Kilcrease rushed for 14 yards on five carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run. Carson Jones added the extra-point as the Bulldogs pulled within 14-7 with 2:02 left in the half.

Linden began its initial offensive series of the third quarter at its own 22-yardline after a Bulldog punt and needed only three plays to regain command as on third down and five Joshua Williams spotted a hole in the middle of the field and raced 73 yards for a Patriot touchdown. Zelly Aldridge ran in the two-point conversion, as Linden's lead grew to 22-7 early in the third quarter.

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according to ESCC Fine Arts Division Chair Dr. Ken Thomas. "This year's preparations have been quite challenging," Thomas said. "Due to limited time in face-to-face instruction, we have not been able to accomplish as much as we have done in past years. Still, we are optimistic and will provide a quality virtual performance for our community."

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CASE NO: PC-2020-042

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Jane Cash, deceased, on the 6th day of March, 2020, by the Honorable Judge of Probate.

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IN THE MATTER OF MARILYN L. MCNABB, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2020-048

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of October, 2020, by the Honorable,

Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw

Gary D. Bradshaw

Attorney for Petitioner

11/19/26 &amp; 12/3-chg.

## IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. JU 2020-12.02

## (FATHER)

## NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ACTION

Witness my hand this the 29th day of October 2020.

/s/ NATORIA SHA-KI

MCNABB

Personal Representative

11/19/26 &amp; 12/3-chg.

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEGGY J. BOUTWELL, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC-20-050

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary were granted to Jeffrey Boutwell and Dixie Boutwell, as Co-Personal

Representatives of the Estate of Peggy J. Boutwell,

deceased, on the 29th day of October, 2020, by the Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

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/s/ Lynda E. Turner, Co-Personal Representative

/s/ Lisa D. Turner Vaughan, Co-Personal Representative

11/19/26 &amp; 12/3-chg.

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## Elba Parks and Rec director Greg Hanchey hikes 188 miles of Pinhoti Trail

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Parks and Recreation director Greg Hanchey spent two weeks testing his fitness and endurance hiking the Pinhoti Trail in Alabama, and far exceeded his expectations for the adventure. Making the trip even more special were four days spent with his teenage grandson, Colin Arnold, as his hiking partner.

The Pinhoti is a 348 mile national recreation trail through Alabama and Georgia with the southern terminus of the trail beginning in East Central Alabama at Flagg Mountain near the Town of Weogufka. It also is considered the beginning of the Appalachian Mountains.

The Alabama portion of the Pinhoti is 177.6 miles.

"Over the summer I knew I wanted to do something hiking-wise," Hanchey said. "I didn't really know where, but originally, I knew I wanted to do a distance hike. I just didn't know how long."

Hanchey said he had plenty of vacation time built up through his job with the City of Elba, so he knew he could try and take on a 2-week period hike if he could get a plan together. He said he first started looking at Tennessee, but soon discovered the Pinhoti in his research.

"I didn't really know anything about the Pinhoti, but I started looking into it, investigating and researching," he said. "I soon



Greg Hanchey and Colin Arnold hiking the Pinhoti Trail in Alabama.



Greg reached the 100-mile point of his journey shortly after Colin joined him on trail.



decided this would be good, and it would still be close to home. The Pinhoti is really a little known Alabama jewel—it was great."

The Pinhoti connects to the Benton Mackaye Trail near Blue Ridge, Ga., which connects to the renowned Appalachian Trail. Hanchey said there has been a push by some groups to connect the Pinhoti to the Appalachian Trail, making the Pinhoti the official beginning of the Appalachian Trail [at Flagg Mountain].

Also, he said the Pinhoti is a part of the Great Eastern Trail and the Eastern Continental Trail, both of which begin in Florida and pretty much go all the way to Canada.

After deciding to move forward with his plans to take on this physically grueling challenge, Hanchey said he asked Colin's

mom, Ashley, about the possibility of Colin joining him for a portion of the hike. He said he wanted to 'get her blessing first' before mentioning it to Colin, and she was all for the idea.

"He asked me if I wanted to go and gave me some time to think about it," Arnold said.

Once he agreed to go along, the preparations began.

"There should have been more on my part to prepare, but we did do a pretty good amount of practicing, especially getting used to wearing the [back]pack," Arnold said. "Other than that, you just pretty much have to be fit to be able to do it."

Wednesday, Nov. 11, arrived and Hanchey set out on his adventure starting at the beginning of the Pinhoti from Flagg Mountain. He had hiked 85 miles already when Colin joined him at

the Cheaha Trailhead on Wednesday, Nov. 18th. That day, Nov. 18th, was the only day out of an entire two weeks that Hanchey did not walk the trail—he took what they call a zero day that day resting up and waiting for Colin to arrive.

"He came on the 18th but originally wasn't supposed to come until the 20th," Hanchey said. "He had gotten quarantined from school due to COVID and wanted to come earlier."

Hanchey said he made a big push to get through some pretty grueling rock fields when Colin decided to come a couple of days early.

"It is extremely hard to make it through those [rock] fields, and I didn't want him to start in a rock field and it be, right off the bat, not a good experience for him," Hanchey said. "I made it to Cheaha that Tuesday night and rested Wednesday awaiting Colin to arrive."

On Thursday, Nov. 19, Arnold joined Hanchey on the trail. He stayed on trail with his granddad, whom he calls Hank, through Sunday evening, Nov. 22nd. Overall, Arnold hiked 50 miles with Hanchey

over a four-day span.

Hanchey finished the Wednesday before Thanksgiving—Nov. 25—in Georgia. He had hiked a total of 188 miles upon completion of his 2-week adventure.

"I didn't go out there with any expectations," Hanchey said. "I didn't know how far I would go. I didn't know if I would make it to the Alabama/Georgia line [on the trail]."

He did make it to the state line and actually went beyond it! As noted earlier, the Alabama portion of the Pinhoti is 177.6 miles, and Hanchey hiked a total of 188 miles on his journey.

When asked what they enjoyed most about their hiking experience, both Hanchey and Arnold had different answers.

For Arnold, he said seeing all the great views and wildlife was great. For Hanchey, he said it was the peacefulness and solitude of the adventure.

"It's just quiet, and you

can go and recharge," he said. "We would go a couple of days part of the way without seeing anybody, literally."

While there was not too much he said he disliked about the hike, Arnold did admit it there were some things that were more challenging than others, and, he is not big on sleeping outside.

"I not by any means an experienced hiker, but I had done some backpacking and hiked a little bit of the Appalachian Trail a few years back—like 50 miles or so over four or five days," Hanchey said. "The thing is when you are doing a hike like we did, it is kind of a wonderfully, miserable experience."

When it comes to hiking, he said the key is to "hike your own hike."

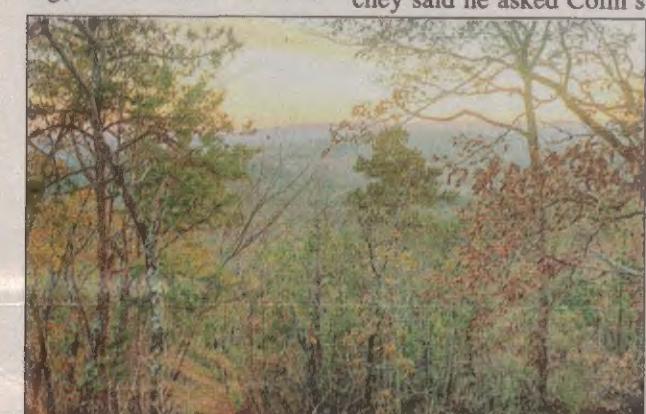
The Alabama Portion of the Pinhoti is divided into 13 sections with over 12 miles of road walks. The remaining 165 miles are through wooded areas. Each section is rated according to the level of difficulty—road walks are easy [12 miles]; of the wooded areas 64 miles is rated moderate, 18 miles is rated difficult, and 83 miles is rated very difficult.

"You're not out there to set any records," Hanchey said. "Just hike your own hike and enjoy it."

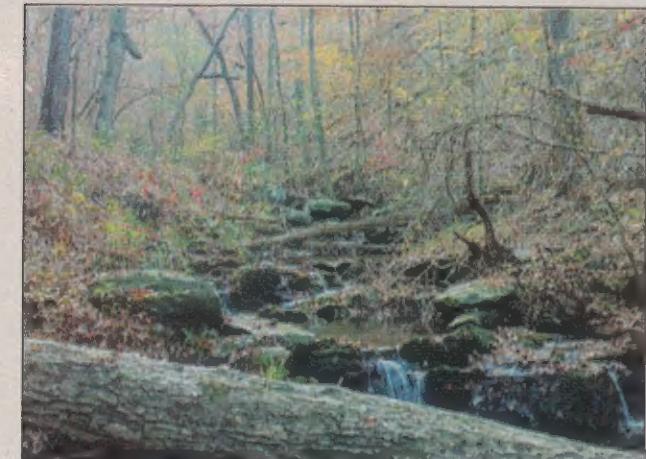
One thing both agreed on—they would not change going through this experience together for anything in the world.

"It was fun, and you become a little team out there," they said.

Looking ahead, Hanchey said he wouldn't mind hiking the same trail again, except in the opposite direction.



Both Greg and Colin agreed that views like this created peaceful moments they would never trade for anything.



The sections of the trail are rated according to their level of difficulty - from easy to very difficult.

## W&E

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procedure in meetings.

Under new business, the board approved a motion to utilize Bart Boothe, the city attorney, as needed for general counsel matters. The board also voted to appoint Jane Brunson and Tom Madox as its representatives on the PowerSouth Board.

The Fiscal Year 2021 budget was approved by the board. This budget includes a 50 cents per hour pay raise for employees. The pay raises should be effective with the first pay period in December.

Also, during Monday night's meeting, the board voted to approve paying monthly bills totaling \$290,253.43.

Due to the Christmas holidays, the board will conduct its December meeting on the evening of Monday, Dec. 14th. This meeting will follow the two city council meetings scheduled for that night as well.

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### Landmark Park's Victorian Christmas will be Sunday, Dec. 13, in Dothan, Alabama

Join Landmark Park, Dothan, Ala., on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1-4 p.m. for the annual Victorian Christmas! This open house brings about 3,000 visitors to the park for Christmas music, arts and crafts, a circuit riding preacher and more. Admission to visitors is free and visitors are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for donation to the Food Bank.

### Barnhill to graduate Dec. 11th with Master's degree from Troy

Mary and Donald Davis of Jack, Alabama announce the upcoming collegiate graduation of their eldest granddaughter, Nicole Barnhill.

Nicole will graduate Friday, Dec. 11, from Troy University with a Master's degree. She is married to Brandon Barnhill, and they have one daughter.

Nicole is the daughter of Jane Green and the late Freddie Napper of Jack.



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### Elba Masonic Lodge #170 holds chili cookoff event

It was a cold and windy night Monday, Nov. 30, with Autumn's first frost in the air. It was perfect night for a good bowl of Chili and even better for visiting with friends and neighbors at the ALMOST Annual "Pot Full of Fun" Chili Cook Off, hosted by the Elba Masonic Lodge #170.

This year's event was the biggest cook off yet with 13 entries in CHILI- SIDES-CORNBREAD and DESSERTS. Not a bad batch in the bunch. It was good and no one went home hungry.

Winners were:

- CHILI -
- 1st Place - Becky O'Heron
- 2nd Place - Dawn DeVane
- 3rd Place - Merlene Owens and Tara Arnold
- People's Choice - Dawn DeVane
- BEST CORNBREAD - Becky O'Heron
- BEST SIDE DISH - Ed Kelley
- BEST DESSERT - Becky O'Heron

The Lodge members extend thanks to the judges, Pete and Liz Hayes from The "It Don't Matter" Restaurant in Highland Home, Ala., and Richard Mays, The Johnson Center for the Arts, Troy Ala. =

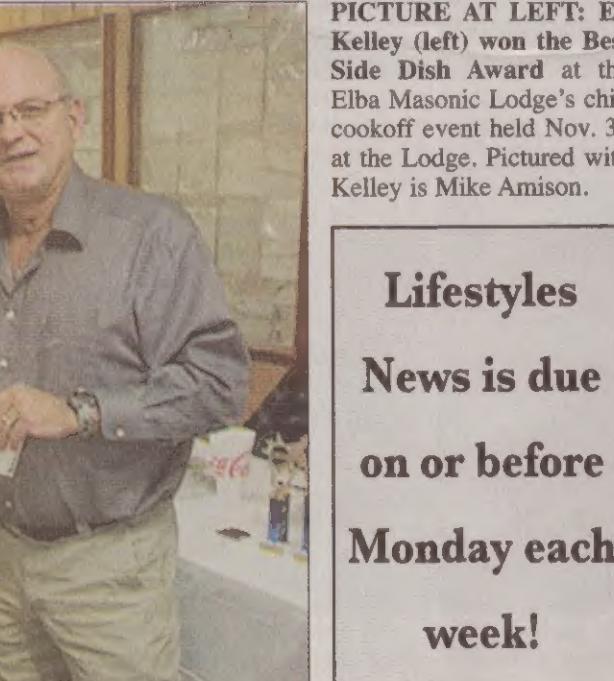
Also, thanks to everyone who came out and had some fun with special thanks to Mike and Starla Amison for their help.



Becky O'Heron (left) won several awards at the cookoff event. She received first place for chili, along with best cornbread, and best dessert. Pictured with O'Heron is Mike Amison.



Merlene Owens (left) shared the third place win for best chili with Tara Arnold (not pictured). Pictured with Owens is Mike Amison.



PICTURE AT LEFT: Ed Kelley (left) won the Best Side Dish Award at the Elba Masonic Lodge's chili cookoff event held Nov. 30 at the Lodge. Pictured with Kelley is Mike Amison.

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### Governor Kay Ivey issues statement urging school systems to return for in-person learning

Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday, Dec. 1, issued the following statement:

"Due to COVID-19, 2020 has been an extremely challenging year for everyone, especially for our parents, teachers and students. I'm extremely grateful for the flexibility everyone has shown as they have adapted to virtual instruction. However, virtual and remote instruction are stop-gap

measures to prevent our students from regressing academically during the pandemic. These practices cannot — and should not — become a permanent part of instructional delivery system in 2021. As we are learning more about COVID-19, we are seeing more and more clear evidence pointing out that our students are safe in the classroom with strong health protocols in place.

"There are nearly 9,800 fewer students enrolled statewide in this academic year and a five percent reduction in students on the kindergarten level. This will not only result in a critical learning loss for our students today but will also likely lead to an equally negative impact on the readiness of our workforce in years to come. Additionally, it could have an equally important economic loss that affects the critical funding for our classrooms and teacher units.

"As we begin the holiday season and contemplate a return to a normalcy in 2021, I strongly urge our education leadership on both the state and local levels to return to in-person instruction as soon as possible.

"My Administration will work with Dr. Mackey, all of our local superintendents and the Legislature to ensure that our kids are back in the classroom in 2021. Our employers, our families, our communities, Alabama's taxpayers, and most importantly, our students, deserve nothing less."

